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1. REFTEL A DISCUSSED WITH DAWSON, WHO WILL UNDERTAKE CONSULTATIONS AS SUGGESTED THERIN. SEE REFTEL B.

2. CDO HAS ALSO DISCUSSED ENTIRE MATTER IN DEPTH WITH LCBC PROJECT MANAGER. LCBC APPRECIATES BENEFITS WHICH CAN BE DERIVED FROM ABOVE-MENTIONED CONSULTATIONS: HOWEVER, THEY POINT OUT ESSENTIALLY UNILATERAL NATURE OF REACTIONS TO BE GAINED FROM DAWSON INTERVENTION. IMPORTANT ISSUE IS MATTER OF EVENTUAL UNANIMOUS AGREEMENT AMONG LCBC AND MEMBER COUNTRIES ON ALL OUTSTANDING ISSUES. THIS CAN ONLY BE OBTAINED WITH REPRESENTATIVES ALL MEMBER STATUS AND APPROPRIATE LCBC STAFF UNITED TOGETHER AT SAME TIME AND PLACE, HENCE NDJAMENA, 8 THROUGH 11 DECEMBER.

3. THIS UNANIMOUS AGREEMENT WILL BE HEAVILY DEPENDENT UPON KNOWLEDGEABLE AID REPRESENTATION CAN PROVIDE TECHNICAL GUIDANCE WITH RESPECT TO PROS AND CONS OF PREVIOUS SUGGESTIONS
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CONCERNING ALTERNATIVE TYPES OF EQUIPMENT, THEIR INSTALLATION,

AND SHORT AND LONG-TERM COST CONSIDERATIONS. LCBC DECISION-
MAKING WILL ALXH REQUIRE DEFINITIVE GUIDANCE CONCERNING WHAT
AID WILL OR WILL NOT AGREE TO FINANCE. ACCORDING TO CDO
DISCUSSIONS WITH DAWSON; THERE CAN BE CONSIDERABLE VARIATION
IN ESTIMATES AND ACTUAL EXPENDITURES OF INSTALLATION COSTS
WITHOUT EVEN TAKING INTO CONSIDERATION VARIATIONS IN EQUIPMENT
ULTIMATELY CGBSENM AND THER IS STILL CONSIDERABLE VARIATION
IN INDIVIDUAL THOUGHTS CONCERNING EQUIPMENT DESIRED. INDEED,
THERE EXIST SOMEADAMANT INDIVIDUAL POSITIONS NOT NECESSARILY IN
KEEPING WITH IDEAS OF OTHERS. IN SUMMATION, THERE APPEARS TO BE
LIKELIHOOD THAT WHOLE PROJECT NEEDS TOBE BROKEREDOUT WITH FULL
PARTICIPATION IN PLENARY SESSION OF ALL APPROPRIATE REPRES-
TATIPSS OF LCBC MEMBER STATES, AID AND MORCOM, SO THAT NECESSARY
TECHNICAL AND FINANCIAL QUESTIONS CAN BE RESOLVED AND PROJECT
IMPLEMENTATION GOTTEN UNDERWAY WITHOUT FURTHER DELAY.

4. NOTWITHSTANDING AID/W OPINION PARAGRAPH 4, REFTTEL, LCBC
PROJECT MANAGER AT THIS TIME PERSISTS I CONTRARY VIEW, I.E.
HE FORESEES ESSENTIAL ROLE SOR MORCOM REPRESENTATIVE AT
DECEMBER MEETING. WE, OF COURSE, LOOK FORWARD TO OPINION
ISSUING FROM MUNDY/DAWSON DISCUSSIONS. CDO MUST EMPHUASIZE THAT
WHATEVER THE COMPOSTION OF AID REPRESENTATION AT DECEMBER
MEETING, WE MUST BE IN POSITION TO ANSWER ALL QUESTIONS
CONCERNING EQUIPMENT, ITS INSTALLATION AND COSTS INVOLVED TO
EXTENT NECESSARY ELICIT ON-THE-SPOT UNIVERSAL AGREEMENT, IN
ACCORDANCE WITH AID/W AUTHORITYREPRESENTATIVES. IN SHORT, AT
ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING,
WE MUST BE IN POSITION TO MOVE IMMEDIATELY FORWARD WITH
PROJECT IMPLEMENTATION.DWYER

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